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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DUTCH PRIME MINISTER FOCUSSES ON EC QUESTIONS

1. SUMMARY. DISCUSSIONS IN BONN DURING THE VISIT OF DUTCH PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL FOCUSED ON EC QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY DIFFICULTIES WITH THE FRENCH, AND US-EC RELATIONS. WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY CITING THE FRENCH, THE CHANCELLOR USED THE OCCASION TO CRITICIZE THE TACTIC OF UNLOADING ONE'S INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS ON AN EC PARTNER STATE. AGAIN TALKING OVER THE HEAD OF HIS DUTCH VISITORS, THE CHANCELLOR APPEALED FOR RECOGNITION OF THE KEY IMPORTANCE OF US/EC PARTNERSHIP. END SUMMARY.

2. DUTCH PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL AND HIS FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL WERE IN BONN AUGUST 23 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND FRG FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL. AT THE CONCLUSION OF  
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THE WORKING SESSIONS, FRG SPOKESMAN GRUENEWALD NOTED THAT THE

TWO SIDES WERE IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON EC QUESTIONS, WHICH WERE THE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. GRUENEWALD NOTED, IN PARTICULAR, THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE EC DECISION-MAKING PROCESS SHOULD BE STREAMLINED AND THAT THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED, WHILE SPECIFIC, TECHNICAL CHANGES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. IN A SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE, VON DER STOEL AMPLIFIED SLIGHTLY ON THIS STATEMENT, SAYING "WE SHOULD TAKE MEASURES TO LIMIT EXPENDITURES UNDER THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY, BUT WE ARE PREPARED BASICALLY TO CONTINUE THIS POLICY."

3. IN A LUNCHEON STATEMENT, RELEASED BY THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE, BRANDT -- WHILE NOT MENTIONING FRANCE -- CONTINUED THE RHETORICAL BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS WHICH HIS CABINET HAS CARRIED OUT THIS WEEK. WITHIN THE EC, BRANDT SAID, ONE SHOULD NOT TRY TO MAKE A POLICY OF SOWING DOUBT (OR SUSPICION). ONE CAN NOW SPEAK OF A EUROPEAN "DOMESTIC POLITICS", BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ONE CAN UNLOAD NATIONAL, DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES ON THE COMMUNITY OR ONE OF ITS MEMBER STATES. THIS APPLIES, THE CHANCELLOR NOTED, TO ALL EC MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING THE FRG. THE CHANCELLOR CONTINUED BY STATING THAT THE EC CAN NOT ALLOW THE FORCES SET IN MOTION BY THE HAGUE AND PARIS SUMMITS TO BE STOPPED. "IF WE FAIL IN THE UNIFICATION OF EUROPE, WE WILL HAVE FAILED IN THE DECISIVE TASK OF OUR GENERATION -- AND ALSO IN OUR OBLIGATION FOR PEACE."

4. THE CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S., THE CHANCELLOR STATED, WILL BE OF DECISIVE SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE EC'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS. THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE SECURES BOTH PEACE AND OUR FREE WAY OF LIFE. IT MUST BE STRESSED AGAIN THAT THE ALLIANCE IS THE BASIS FOR THE POLICY OF DETENTE IN EUROPE. THE U.S. IS ALSO THE COMMUNITY'S MOST IMPORTANT PARTNER IN TRADE AND IN MONETARY QUESTIONS. "PARTNERSHIP MUST BE UNDERSTOOD LITERALLY. THIS IS FIRST OF ALL AN ADMONITION VIS-A-VIS US EUROPEANS - BUT FROM IT DERIVES ALSO OUR WISH VIS-A-VIS THE U.S." CASH

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